

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A formulated liposome for incorporating high content of hydrophobic substances comprising:

5 a first phospholipid, selected from a hydrogenated naturally-occurring phospholipid or a saturated phospholipid with long carbon chains $-(CH_2)_n-$, the value of n is at least 14);
a second phospholipid, selected from an unsaturated phospholipid or a saturated phospholipid with short carbon chains $-(CH_2)_n-$, the value of n is at most 14) ;
10 one or more hydrophobic substances; and
liposome-forming materials,

wherein the first and the second phospholipid coexist in the liposome in two immiscible phases and create several discontinuous regions; a phase transition temperature of the first phospholipid is in the range 15 between 40 and 70 °C, and a phase transition temperature of the second phospholipid is in the range between –30 and 10 °C. The two immiscible phases coexist in the liposome and create several discontinuous regions.

2. The liposome according to claim 1, wherein the phase transition

20 temperature of the first phospholipid is preferably in the range between 50 and 65 °C, and the phase transition temperature of the second phospholipid is preferably in the range between –20 and 4 °C.

3. The liposome according to claim 1, wherein the first phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of phosphatidyl choline (PC), phosphatidyl glycerol (PG), phosphatidyl serine (PS), phosphatidyl acid (PA) and phosphatidyl ethanolamine (PE).
- 5 4. The liposome according to claim 3, wherein phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated egg phosphatidyl choline (HEPC), hydrogenated soy phosphatidyl choline (HSPC), dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl choline (DPPC) and distearoyl phosphatidyl choline (DSPC), diarachidoyl phosphatidyl choline, dimyristoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine (DMPE), dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine (DPPE), distearoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine (DSPE), diarachidoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine, dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl glycerol (DPPG), distearoyl phosphatidyl glycerol, dimyristoyl phosphatidyl acid (DMPA), dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl acid (DPPA), dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl serine (DPPS), and 10 distearoyl phosphatidyl serine (DSPS).
- 15 5. The liposome according to claim 1, wherein the second phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of phosphatidyl choline (PC), phosphatidyl glycerol (PG), phosphatidyl serine (PS), phosphatidyl acid (PA) and phosphatidyl ethanolamine (PE)
- 20 6. The liposome according to claim 5, wherein phospholipid is selected from the group consisting of egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC), soy phosphatidyl choline (SPC), oleoyl palmitoyl phosphatidyl choline, dioleoyl phosphatidyl choline, dipetroselinoyl phosphatidyl choline,

dipalmitelaidoyl phosphatidyl choline, dipalmitoleyl phosphatidyl choline,
dipalmitelaidoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine, dioleoyl phosphatidyl
ethanolamine, dioleoyl phosphatidyl serine, dilauroyl phosphatidyl choline
(DLPC), diundecanoyl phosphatidyl choline, didecanoyl phosphatidyl
5 choline, dinonanoyl phosphatidyl choline, didecanoyl phosphatidyl
ethanolamine, and dinonanoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine.

7. The liposome according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic substances
are one or more hydrophobic pharmaceutical compounds.

8. The liposome according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic
10 pharmaceutical compound is paclitaxel and/or a derivative thereof.

9. The liposome according to claim 8, wherein paclitaxel and/or the
derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from
about 0.5 mole% to 25 mole%.

10. The liposome according to claim 9, wherein paclitaxel and/or the
15 derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from
about 5 mole% to 25 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated
egg phosphatidyl choline (HEPC) and the second phospholipid is egg
phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

11. The liposome according to claim 9, wherein paclitaxel and/or the
20 derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from
about 5 mole% to 25 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated
soy phosphatidyl choline (HSPC) and the second phospholipid is egg

phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

12. The liposome according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is retinoic acid and/or a derivative thereof.
13. The liposome according to claim 12, wherein the retinoic acid and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from 5 about 0.5 mole% to 40 mole%.
14. The liposome according to claim 13, wherein retinoic acid and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 10 mole% to 40 mole% when the first phospholipid is 10 hydrogenated soy phosphatidyl choline (HSPC) and the second phospholipid is egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC).
15. The liposome according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is camptothecin and/or a derivative thereof.
16. The liposome according to claim 15, wherein the camptothecin and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from 15 about 0.5 mole% to 30 mole%.
17. The liposome according to claim 16, wherein camptothecin and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 5 mole% to 30 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated 20 egg phosphatidyl choline (HEPC) and the second phospholipid is egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

18. The liposome according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is selected from the group consisting of paclitaxel and/or a derivatives thereof, retinoic acid and/or the derivatives thereof, and camptothecin and/or the derivatives thereof.
- 5 19. The liposome according to claim 1, wherein the liposome-forming materials are selected from the group consisting of hydrophilic polymer-modified lipids, cholesterol, cholesterol derivative, antioxidant, and mixtures thereof.
- 10 20. The liposome according to claim 19, wherein the hydrophilic polymer-modified lipid is methoxy polyethylene glycol-distearoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine (MPEG-DSPE).
- 15 21. The liposome for incorporating high content of hydrophobic substances comprising:
 - a first phosphatidyl choline, selected from a hydrogenated naturally-occurring phospholipid or a saturated phospholipid with long carbon chains $-(CH_2)_n$, the value of n is at least 14);
 - a second phosphatidyl choline, selected from an unsaturated phospholipid or a saturated phospholipid with short carbon chains $-(CH_2)_n$, the value of n is at most 14);
- 20 one or more hydrophobic substances; and liposome-forming materials,

wherein the first and the second phosphatidyl cholines coexist in the liposome in two immiscible phases and create several discontinuous regions; a

phase transition temperature of the first phospholipid is in the range between 40 and 70°C, and a phase transition temperature of the second phospholipid is in the range between –30 and 10°C.

22. The liposome according to claim 21, wherein the phase transition temperature of the first phospholipid is preferably in the range from 50 to 65°C, and the phase transition temperature of the second phospholipid is preferably in the range from –20 to 4°C.
23. The liposome according to claim 21, wherein the first phosphatidyl choline (PC) is selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated egg phosphatidyl choline (HEPC), hydrogenated soy phosphatidyl choline (HSPC), dipalmitoyl phosphatidyl choline (DPPC) and distearoyl phosphatidyl choline (DSPC),
24. The liposome according to claim 21, wherein the second phosphatidyl choline is selected from the group consisting of egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC), soy phosphatidyl choline (SPC), synthetic or natural-occurring unsaturated phosphatidyl cholines and dilauroyl phosphatidyl choline (DLPC), oleoyl palmitoyl phosphatidyl choline, dioleoyl phosphatidyl choline, dipetroselinoyl phosphatidyl choline, dipalmitelaidoyl phosphatidyl choline, and dipalmitoleoyl phosphatidyl choline.
25. The liposome according to claim 21, wherein the hydrophobic substances

are one or more hydrophobic pharmaceutical compounds.

26. The liposome according to claim 25, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is paclitaxel and/or a derivative thereof.

27. The liposome according to claim 26, wherein the paclitaxel and/or its derivative is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 0.5 5 mole% to 25 mole%.

28. The liposome according to claim 27, wherein paclitaxel and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 5 mole% to 25 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated 10 egg phosphatidyl choline (HEPC) and the second phospholipid is egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

29. The liposome according to claim 27, wherein paclitaxel and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 5 mole% to 25 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated 15 soy phosphatidyl choline (HSPC) and the second phospholipid is egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

30. The liposome according to claim 25, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is retinoic acid and/or a derivative thereof.

31. The liposome according to claim 30, wherein the retinoic acid and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from 20 about 0.5 mole% to 40 mole%.

32. The liposome according to claim 31, wherein retinoic acid and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 10 mole% to 40 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated soy phosphatidyl choline (HSPC) and the second phospholipid is egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

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33. The liposome according to claim 25, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is camptothecin and/or a derivative.

34. The liposome according to claim 33, wherein the camptothecin and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 0.5 mole% to 30 mole%.

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35. The liposome according to claim 34, wherein camptothecin and/or the derivative thereof are/is incorporated with a drug/lipid ratio ranging from about 5 mole% to 30 mole% when the first phospholipid is hydrogenated egg phosphatidyl choline (HEPC) and the second phospholipid is egg phosphatidyl choline (EPC).

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36. The liposome according to claim 25, wherein the hydrophobic pharmaceutical compound is selected from the group consisting of paclitaxel, retinoic acid, camptothecin and the derivatives thereof.

37. The liposome according to claim 21, wherein the liposome-forming materials are selected from the group consisting of hydrophilic polymer-modified lipids, cholesterol, cholesterol derivative, antioxidant, and mixture thereof.

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38. The liposome according to claim 37, wherein the hydrophilic polymer-modified lipid is methoxy polyethylene glycol-distearoyl phosphatidyl ethanolamine (MPEG-DSPE).

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